



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT VISITED EUROPE

Our national president, Mrs. George Turner of El Paso, Texas, was privileged to be one of the representatives from national organizations invited to make an inspection tour of Radio Free Europe in October. The group, sponsored by the American Heritage Foundation, left New York by air on October 20 and returned on the 29th. They visited Munich, Berlin and Paris and took a U. S. Army bus tour through Germany and the Russian sector.

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CALIFORNIA WINS PRAISE FROM AMEF

Physicians and their wives will be interested in going back to the September issue of the Auxiliary magazine *Courier* and rereading the excellent article on page 11 concerning the American Medical Education Foundation. When Mr. Hiram Jones, executive secretary of the AMEF, read it, he was so impressed that he wrote for permission to have reprints made and distributed throughout the nation. The author is Mrs. Charles J. Hart of Walnut Creek, State Chairman of AMEF.

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AUXILIARIES SPONSOR CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

Along with our year-around projects of nurse recruitment, health education and community service, our county Auxiliaries sponsor special projects at Christmas time.

In San Joaquin County, for instance, the members have an annual shower of gifts for the boys at the Fricot Ranch School. They also started a library at the Bret Harte Sanitarium, and new books are added each year at Christmas time.

Santa Cruz members annually wrap hundreds of Christmas gifts for patients at their county hospital. Santa Clara also sponsors parties with gaily wrapped gifts for the children in the pediatric wards of the county hospital.

The Fresno Auxiliary gives a party for the nurses at the county hospital and gives them a nice gift each year. Last year it was a television set for the Nurses' Home.

Humboldt County wrapped useful kitchen utensils, towels, pot holders, etc., to include in the Christmas baskets distributed by the county welfare department.

The Shasta County Auxiliary supplied and decorated trees for both of the hospitals in that county. They also help the Tuberculosis Association in checking Christmas Seal records.

In Santa Barbara County, members supply gifts for the needy aged and for small children, to be distributed by the Council of Christmas Cheer. Sonoma County members provide gifts for children in foster homes.

We have already told you about the Christmas festivities sponsored by the San Francisco group, at the Laguna Honda Home for the aged. The Los Angeles Auxiliary has become famous for the workshops which annually turn out thousands of gifts for needy persons both young and old.

In future issues we'll tell you more about the projects carried on throughout the state by our members, to bring happiness to shut-ins, orphans, the needy and the handicapped.

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TODAY'S HEALTH SETS NEW RECORD

With the October issue, *Today's Health* reached a circulation of over 340,000 copies, the highest in its 31-year history. The American Medical Association gratefully acknowledges the important part played by the Auxiliaries which devote much time and energy to promoting subscriptions among their own members as well as among the physicians, dentists and allied professions.

Today's Health is now found in the reception rooms of more than 103,000 physicians and 45,000 dentists in the United States.

San Mateo County gave four gift subscriptions to *Today's Health* in lieu of the customary corsage for the State President when she visited them. We are trying to encourage all of our counties to adopt this custom.

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DOES YOUR COUNTY HAVE AN AUXILIARY?

If your county does not have an Auxiliary, we urge you to enroll your wife as a member-at-large in the Auxiliary. For only two dollars a year she can enjoy all the privileges of membership, including a subscription to *Courier*. Our members-at-large are very important, because they are the ones who help organize new auxiliaries when the right time comes.

MRS. FREDERICK J. MILLER, *President*